

## **WARKWORTH MEMORIAL HALL ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT**

1.                    of                    Warkworth agrees to rent one allotment (plot no.    ) from the Hall Committee for an unspecified period, with the agreement beginning    . It is understood that the allotments are of varying sizes and that each attracts the same rent. When first taken on it is accepted that the allotment may be overgrown to some extent.
  
2. The rent for an allotment is currently set at £15 for a twelve month period beginning 1st April. For allotment agreements starting after 1st October a half year rental of £7.50 is payable. The Hall Committee retains the right at its Annual General Meeting to alter the rent in line with the economic demands of the day.
  
3. The period of notice to terminate the agreement on either side is one calendar month. The Hall Committee must have reasonable grounds on which to end an agreement, e.g. annual rent not paid after date of demand, the ground not being maintained to an appropriate standard, danger deliberately created on the allotment, conflict with a neighbour, etc. If an allotment is relinquished part way through a year no part of the rent will be refunded. A tenancy may not be passed on to a third party but must be handed back to the Hall Committee.
  
4. The allotment holder must be mindful of neighbours and other allotment users and apply reasonable consideration and courtesy. Allowing weeds to proliferate, applying some particularly noxious substance to the ground that creates a nuisance to other allotment holders or to local residents, growing plants of such a height that they overshadow an adjoining plot, etc. would all be regarded as unreasonable behaviour. The allotment holder agrees not to encroach onto a neighbour's land.
  
5. Permission is required in writing from the Hall Committee if any additional structure or significant structural improvement is planned for the allotment. Permission is also needed if any part of a tree is to be cut or hedge to be trimmed. (This does not apply to the western Ember path hedge or to the long northern hedge as both these hedges belong to the Hall.) Animals, such as chickens etc., are not to be kept on the allotment.
  
6. No illegal growth of any nature is permitted on the land. If any plant is discovered to be contrary to the law then the allotment holder agrees to take full responsibility before the law.
  
7. A compost heap measuring up to one metre in height and one meter in diameter is permitted, as are what may be regarded as normal holes or trenches for the purposes of plant promotion. Any kind of abnormal hole or trench which could be regarded as dangerous is not permitted and must be corrected by the allotment holder. Normal principles of health and safety must apply and are the responsibility of the allotment holder.
  
8. Fouling of the land by a pet is unacceptable. Any deposit must be picked up by the person in charge of the pet and disposed of appropriately.
  
9. The hose pipe from the Hall garden tap to fill water butts may only be used on Saturday afternoons. Allotment holders are not allowed to use the hose to water their gardens directly. They are responsible for any trip hazard arising from the hose crossing the Ember path.

Agreement signed by allotment holder;

Date:

Agreement signed by Committee member:

Date: